

MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
July 21, 2020 5:30 p.m.
4th Floor Conference Room, City Hall

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Theo Williams	(05-02)	10/08/22
	Dr. Jennifer Jackson	(07-00)	10/08/22
	Rusty Summers	(13-03)	10/08/21
	Terri Lowdon	(10-06)	10/08/20
	Hamilton Henderson	(11-02)	10/08/21
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Michael Jasper	(15-01)	10/08/22
	Rev. Brian Kirk	(13-03)	10/08/20
	Bridget Supple	(11-05)	10/08/21
	Claire Clark	(08-08)	10/08/20
STAFF PRESENT:	Bryan Carter, City Attorney Brianna Moe, Recording Secretary		

Item #1 Call to Order

Summers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Clark – absent, Henderson – present, Jackson – present via Zoom, Jasper – absent, Kirk – absent, Lowdon – present, Summers – present, Supple – absent, Williams – present via Zoom. Quorum is present.

Item #2 Approval of Minutes

Lowden moved to approve the minutes. Henderson seconded the motion. All approved.

Motion passed.

Item #3 Old Business

Item #3a. Inclusion of public accommodation in mediation assistance

The Commission was going to do some preparation work before meeting with the City Council; no new material was presented. Summers asked Carter to see if they could get it ready before the next meeting.

Item #3b. Related old business

Summers brought up the conversion therapy ban ordinance. Carter briefed the Commission on the decision that had been made to wait until City Council meetings are fully opened back again due to the importance of the topic.

Item #4 New Business

Item #4a. Pride Festival Planning

Carter stated that the Midland Empire Equality Coalition will decide at its August meeting if it will be holding Pride Festival this year. If it does, it will be September 18 and 19. Summers asked him to update the Commission when the meeting will be held.

Item #4b. Related New Business

Lowden stated that with everything going on she believes the Commission should do something in support of race relations, but she is not sure what to do. Summers suggested she call their Juneteenth contacts for ideas. Henderson suggested contacting Alonzo for a statement on behalf of the commission.

Dr. Jackson stated that Columbia, Missouri's Human Rights Commission has a member on the Police Review Board so that could be something they could look into. Missouri Western State University created a diversity committee and she suggested reaching out to see if they would add the Human Right's Commission to their segments they are working on.

Carter stated that if a Commission member is also willing to serve on the Community Police Advisory Board, let him know and he can add them to the list the City Clerk maintains of individuals would like to be on the board. He stated that there will be four member's terms expiring next year so there will be opportunity to get on. That board's meetings are open, so members of the Human Rights Commission can attend if they would like. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of March, June, September, and December at 7:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. The next meeting is September 1, 2020.

Summers stated she would like to do something to help with the flooding in the South end but is not sure what they could do to help.

Item #5 City Staff Update

Carter reported that all items requested at the last meeting were ordered.

There are three members whose term expired this year, if they could let him know if they would like to continue to serve, he will alert the City Clerk.

Lowden asked if any events were coming up. Carter said Pride Festival was the only one he was aware of—if it occurs. Lowden asked if they wanted to decide tonight to have a tent if it does happen. Henderson asked if they would have to rent a space. Lowden asked the price. Carter said they paid

ten dollars last year. Dr. Jackson asked if they could print the postcards again. Carter suggested waiting until they knew if the event would happen.

Item #6 Public Comment

None.

Item #7. Future Agenda Overview

Carter said the agenda will be the same as this month with the addition of interest in the Community Police Advisory Board.

Item # 8. Adjourn

Lowden made a motion to adjourn, Henderson seconded. No members opposed the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Brianna Moe, Recording Secretary (Legal Assistant)

